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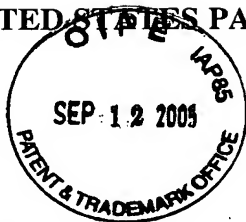
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For: STABILIZED ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR  
USE WITH A VEHICLE HAVING ELECTRIC ASSIST

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Examiner: Frank Bennett Vanaman

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of August 16, the Applicants respectfully elect claims 1-10, with traverse, for further prosecution. The Applicants contest the restriction requirement and point out that each independent claim relates to vehicle electrical systems having first and second electrical buses for respectively powering accessory loads and a traction motor and controlling the operation of the same. These limitations clearly limit the scope of the Examiner's search and are believed to be sufficiently related to warrant examination without unduly burdening the examiner. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the restriction requirement.

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Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is requested. If the Examiner notes any minor errors, he is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the matter can be promptly handled by Examiner's amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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